## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A radio communication apparatus includes: a transmitting section for transmitting a request message to a first cell and a second cell; a first combiner for demodulating a first common control channel transmitted from the first cell; a second combiner for demodulating a second common control channel transmitted from the second cell; a baseband controller for starting the first and second combiners, and for controlling the combiners into a state in which the combiners can demodulate the first and second common control channels simultaneously; and a radio communication controller for receiving a response message to the request message contained in one of the first and second common control channels. The radio communication apparatus can receive the response message contained in the common control channels positively even in a handover area where cell switching can occur frequently, and can improve the stability of the communication.